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For: GAS COMBUSTION-TYPE IMPACT)	
DEVICE)	

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Applicants respectfully request that this item be considered by the Examiner, and that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of this reference by initialing and returning a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the next official action.

In accordance with the duty of disclosure provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, there is hereby provided certain information which the Examiner may consider material to the examination of the subject U.S. patent application. It is requested that the Examiner make this information of record if it is deemed material to the examination of the application.

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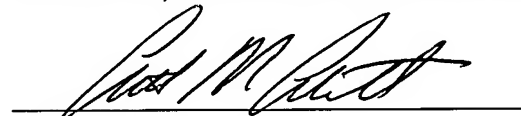
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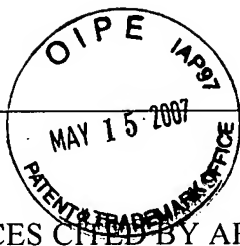


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